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SUBJECT: FMS LEVELS FOR BRAZIL

REF: STATE 161474

1. I SUPPORT JUDGMENT PARA 2 REFTTEL THAT CUTBACK IN FMS PROGRAM FOR BRAZIL WOULD HAVE LITTLE OR NO EFFECT ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, BUT WOULD RISK DAMAGE TO OUR OTHER IMPORTANT INTERESTS HERE. I FULLY UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THE DIFFICULTY THE DEPARTMENT FACES IN SUPPORTING A SHARPLY INCREASED FMS CREDIT LEVEL FOR BRAZIL AT A TIME WHEN PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IS BEING DIRECTED TO THE OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN BRAZIL. I DEFER TO THE DEPARTMENT'S JUDGMENT THAT PURSUIT OF THE RECOMMENDED FMS LEVELS FOR BRAZIL NOW COULD PREJUDICE THE ENTIRE PROGRAM, AND, THEREFORE, CONCUR IN A \$75 MILLION LEVEL FOR FY 1976 AND \$90 MILLION IN FY 1977.

2. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS QUESTION WITH GENERAL KENDALL, WHO, THOUGH DISAPPOINTED, UNDERSTANDS THE SITUATION AND BELIEVES THAT THE CRITICAL POINT IS THAT THERE BE AN INCREASE IN THE 76-LEVEL OVER THE 75 LEVEL.

3. I WILL DISCUSS THIS FURTHER IN WASHINGTON WITH YOU.
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